Washington Woman Returns From Wonderful Exploration Trip in South America

MRS. HARRIET CHAL-MERS ADAMS, Wife of Franklin Adams of the Pan-American Union, Tells of Her Latest Journey Through Hitherto Unknown Parts of South America-She Is One of the Most Daring of Woman Explorers-Has Traveled Over 40,000 Miles in South America - Narrow Escapes From Death-Discoveries Are of Value and Scientists Are Interested.

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with a vvacious, youthful face and dancbackground, but neve rthe wilds of South

wild beasts are dagerous unless first at- of South America much as a prima or invade Africa, Tibet or unknown wil- its back. the most horrible, she says, of her lifeamong them. On this occasion her hushand and Indian guides were attacked and a number of their mules killed by the blood-sucking creatures, which measure three to four feet from tip to tip of their

Mrs. Adams also went monkey shooting-an exciting sport; she ate monkey meat, the meat of tapirs, of huge red and green toucons, of the iguana and South American tortoise-and she found all good. She was attacked by Indians, and was ater poisoned by eating a bird which had been killed by a poisoned arrow. Mrs. Adams got into the proximity of a strange ribe of Indians who eat the dead, and leard also from a man who had invaded heir dangerous territory of a tribe who ake the heads of slain enemies, and by peculiar process of extracting the skull and then petrify them, so that, though

imerican wilderness-where no white se leaves as towels and bark as a tooth-

America from Panama, womanlike, I had to take several trunks of fashioning gowns, with me. Imagine my dismay when those trunks went splashing into the sea as they were being landed from the ship in one of the rough South Amercan ports! However, I never should have needed them, for certainly evening gowns slimy, oozey shore of the river. The road could not have been worn on the Inca still has a dirt bed, but it has been highway, in the haunts of South American savages or on the site of the world's

adventures are those relating to her trips road. At the river end of the road is "In going over the Andes," she said. the trace of an ancient causeway. The

"I was just about to faint, but they gave me canned peaches and brandy.



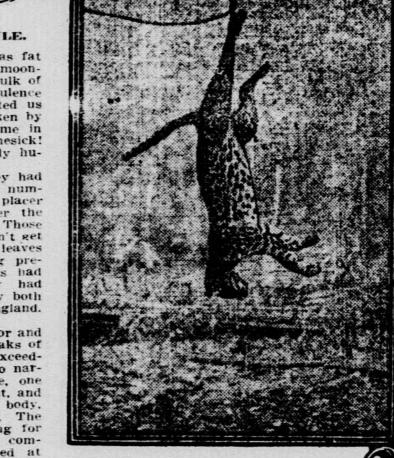
PEDRO AND HIS CARGO MULE.

good-looking man; the other was as fat as Faistaff, with a huge, merry, moonconvinced, no white wo- like face and an inordinately fat bulk of 40,000 miles, and have effusively-they heard English spoken by others, they said, for the first time in savage wildernesses where several years. And they were homesick!

mountain cold where my ber of years before, and had begun placer gion infested by vampires-creatures Indians are slim. Perhaps they don't get which until then I imagined to be pure enough to eat; perhaps the cocoa leaves they chew and constant traveling pre-I have stood on the site of what vent corpulence. Our two friends had is possibly the world's oldest civilization, been extremely successful, they had and have studied ruins built before the amassed quite a fortune, and they both But this was impossible.

"The pass leading from the interior and up the canyon to the mountain peaks of "I often nearly lost my life. As for the Andes trailed over abysses exceedadventures. I should say I have had ing at places 1,000 feet. It was so narhair-raising adventures. But of them hand brushed the rocks on the right, and far from the foot of the Agualiani can- pass afforded only sufficient footing for paratively thin person. It slanted at ing water thought frenziedly of saving places to 90 degrees. In hewing the one thing-not my life, but a precious trail out of earth and virgin rock on the tube of cold cream fastened in my hat. sheer side of almost perpendicular prec-The thought of drowning hardly occurto the existence of fat men. Well, I, with ever-I had to learn. When I got on the red to me, for while I was in danger my 121 pounds, had found it a close trail I wore a skirt of corduroy in cold

And it showed me that, although I'd mysterious change of nature, whereby As I've said. I never lost my love for an explorer as a man. As one listened he saw a little woman, waxed corpulent. He took exercise, climbed hills, worked like a madman at "Mind me-it was cold there. I spent Mrs. Adams has spent about eight years with his burden of 320 pounds—and the ask me what I ate. Funny how these cumb to mountain sickness. in explorations. In this work and pleasure row that only a thin person could get traveler couldn't use the same rations she discovered, high in the Andes, an un- by-he was doomed to this desolate spot, as a man. Well, we had German soup to invade the interior Amazon, in the Mr. Adams she found a husband who hol lamp.



JAGUAR KILLED ON ONE TRIP.

weather, and one of finen homespun in hot. I wore boots reaching to the knees. and under my skirt knickerbockers, tuckan uninvaded wilderness. My husband lishman, had come to the place, he said, gauntlets. I was an unpicturesque-look- been in tight places, have seen harrowing lineal descendants of the old Incas. They ing figure. But I soon got used to rough- things. As I say, there is no reason why a are a curious people brown of skin, with

only pass to the coast at places so nar- things interest them-as though a woman

MRS. HARRIETT CHALMERS ADAMS. "When our new friend, the stout Eng- ed into the boots; also a sombrero and lacked courage to protect myself. I've came in touch with people who are the

ing it. You must, if you want to travel, courageous woman should not make as gnarled faces and stiff black hair, but roughed it and accomplished a real man's one's body and physiognomy becomes cold cream, my one comfort, which kept "I shal never forget my journey up over have ever heard. The women wear work in exploration. I was still above transformed, took place in him. As they my face from crackling in the Andes. Our saddle journey began at tremendous broad-brimmed hats, which Tirrapata, and our path thence took us sway ridiculously as they move-the up over mountains 19,000 to 23,000 feet original, I am sure, of the 'Merry Widow,' high. I remember stopping in the square as they date back hundreds of years. of an old Indian town and brewing tea "The women carry their babies on their over our alcohol lamp, and how the na- backs. On the back of the infant, in black hair, a woman clothed in an ex- the placers. But to no avail. Whether ten days at a height of 17,000 feet, where tives, who had never see nalcohol burn, turn, a mother places in a pouch a stone.

"There I had a perfectly feminine inas a child she had felt the wanderlust. We also carried a bottle of aguadiente, or salts. My husband laughed, but they reused the bottle with success." and other wild animals-none of which gether they started on their exploring well, and I've wondered why men have so Adams discovered what she considers the the Spanish conquistadores.

tacked themselves by men. On this trip donna starts en tour. Besides perfect- dernesses? I've never found my sex a "On our journey to the mountain top,

my eyelashes constantly froze, and where gathered about us with puzzlement and As the baby increases in age the size of gown. She seemed one for whom a bril- subtle, no one can tell-nothing could I suffered dreadfully. On the trip into wonder. We passed through towns much the stone is increased. Children grow up liant drawing room might be a fitting background, but neve rie wilds of South background, but never necessarily before the Spanish conquest. In the high the time a youth has reached fifteen he was good-natured, as fat men are. But limited—so limited that I had to wash altitudes it became very cold; respiration carries a stone which the strongest prizethere was melancholy in his beaming them constantly in streams. Women often was difficult. The mules constantly suc- fighter, heavyweight lifter or hodcarrier could not handle. By this method the men of the race attain an almost superhuman strength. They are gigantic, giving the impression of mighty physical graphical discovery, which sheds new light on the geologic formation of the light of the wanderlyst. We also carried a bottle of acquadients are harmless, but they have no friendship for alien races. In continent. She was the first white woman stirring in her veins, and in wedding native brandy, to use as fuel in our alco- vived the mule. Thereafter I constantly hatred and defiance and fear of the in- great unexplored regions of the world, rents. My husband went ahead, leading demonstrated. The river of peat at some vaders which has come down, in their a place where no white woman and few his mule. The trail narrowed to the width remote age, so scientists declare, had been

who speak the most musical language I

the pass of Aricoma, 17,000 feet above towering mountains, and often the edge of abysmal canyons.

foot of 11th street southeast. A hamlet defense of Washington. One finds fre- the bridge called Uniontown. This bridge

Eastern branch of the Potowmack river as established the property of the state forward at 2 o'clock and as we have observed encountered and drove back Maj. Peter and his command. He then pressed xact features and expression of the nor- other modern conveniences and necessi- around the confluence of the Eastern the measure, which if effected will great the state and three by the corporation of the roads leading respectively to Washthe rear, simultaneously with an assault made free to traffic, conviction. Winder issued orders toward sunset for the troops to retire across the Eastern Branch bridge, and take post; tion on the borders of the city, wher greater assistance would be afforded for A careful reading of the original of this assisting Gen. Young, who was covering river to Good Hope, a village now, but seat of the national government a new At this point the act begins a long and old charter to a stock company intend- for drawing to himself Stansbury and for long a cross-roads hamlet on the ferry was incorporated, or chartered, and minute recital of how directors shall be ing to construct a toll bridge for their for drawing to himself Stansbury and for long a cross-roads hamlet on the ferry was incorporated, or chartered, and minute recital of how directors shall be ing to construct a toll bridge for their street of the enemy should advance own profit and for public convenience of the convenience of the that rises back of and along the Eastern the name of the proprietor. The ferry acted. Then it resumes:

own profit and for public convenience rapidly upon the capital. Late at night "There is no more wickedness here than branch. Perhaps because of the speed boat was a big barge that could carry an "The bridge shall be built in the most would repay those persons who would the troops, greatly wearied and dispirit- there is in London or Paris or Berlin. with which changes and improvements ox-team or a family coach. It was poled secure and substantial manner, shall be study how carefully a charter may be ed, encamped within the limits of the city. They who find wickedness are usually have gone forward in that old settled across the river. The Wigfield ferry be- secured and supported at each end by written to safeguard the rights of the 'Thus,' said Gen. Smith, 'terminated four part of the District this road has been came the "Naylor-Talbert ferry," oper- good and sufficient abutments or piers of investors, as well as the toll-paying travtrict. They had been under arms with whether it be a roulette game or a song extremity of the continent, stopping off at but little intermission the whole of the service. the farm of the Naylors, a family which The following is copied from the Na- in the aforesaid bridge sufficient to admit At about the same time of the incorpo- time, both day and night; had traveled vessels to pass and repass of at least ration of the Eastern Branch Bridge during their different marches in advance Notice-On the 10th instant Capt. Nay- thiry feet wide; and as soon as the bridge Company another company was charter- and retreat over a considerable tract of shall be completed as aforesaid the direc- ed to construct a bridge farther up the country, exposed to the burning heat of and liquor and tobacco bills, returned to floods, saw a strange animal-a cross betors for the time being shall forthwith stream. This second bridge was then a sultry sun by day, and many of them the hotel drunk.

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week before. The trail, between two 'We can't go on.' But on we wentmountain spurs, is a narrow path, blasted finally we reached the bottom of the canout of the virgin rock at places, and yon, where we expected to find a bridge rises, falls and twists over the face of a spanning the river. In the darkness we rocky gorge which at places is absolute- reached out to find it-the bridge was ly perpendicular. It is so narrow that as gone. It had been washed away. We you sit on your mule you overhang the lay panting, suffering, tortured by hordes abyss on your left. Innumerable pack of mosquitoes, throughout the night mules are constantly killed on this trip. Fireflies came out after the storm, and sure-footed as they are. The gorge was they flashed a radiance as intense as cut and split at innumerable places, and arc lights, we crossed many dizzy abysses on

from their feet. One of our guides dis- for to my heart-while I stood there,

appeared-later we learned the mule he grasping the rocks behind me, an avaled had fallen over the abyss, and, afraid lanche of earth and stones, loosened by to follow us, he returned to an Andean the rain, descended suddenly from the

settlement. To keep our spirits, and in heights above. Rocks and stones struck the face of imminent death, my husband me-I struggled with grim determination

began to sing 'Oh, ain't it a shame, a to hold to the stone behind-at times measly shame, to keep us waiting, out feared I should be carried down. But

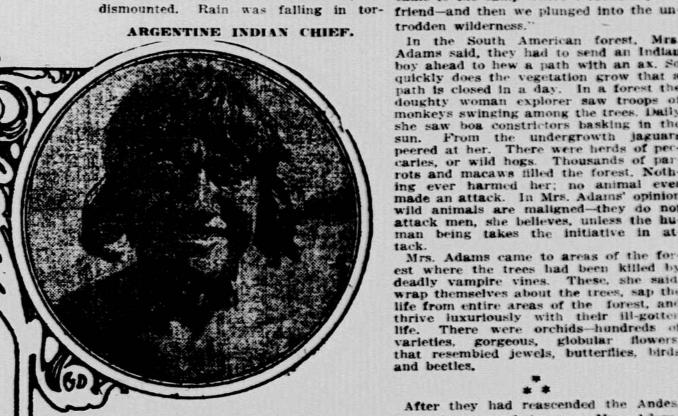
the trail above the river, but at a cer- ered our bodies, and then, on hands and

tain point to turn to a new trail, as there feet, inch by inch, crept downward. This had been a landslide on the old pass a is death.' I whispered to my husband,

We had been instructed to follow weeks. Slowly and cautiously we low-

able to dismount, and as the mule trod fours we crept across. That day I nearly the dangerous space the bridge swung lost my life in a deep torrent-I rememto and fro like a hammock. I could ber my husband laughing when, after he "Toward nightfall we missed the new a small pocket mirror and primped my trail and went the wrong way. At 9 hair. Right after this experience we o'clock that night, in the darkness, we came to the camp where I found my fat

ARGENTINE INDIAN CHIEF.



had dragged me to safety, I pulled out

Adams said, they had to send an Indian boy ahead to hew a path with an ax. So quickly does the vegetation grow that a

path is closed in a day. In a forest the doughty woman explorer saw troops of

monkeys swinging among the trees. Daily

she saw boa constrictors basking in the

sun. From the undergrowth jaguars peered at her. There were herds of peccaries, or wild hogs. Thousands of par-

rots and macaws filled the forest, Noth-

ing ever harmed her; no animal ever

made an attack. In Mrs. Adams' opinion

man being takes the initiative in at

wrap themselves about the trees, sap the

life from entire areas of the forest, and thrive luxuriously with their ill-gotten

life. There were orchids-hundreds of

varieties, gorgeous, globular flowers, that resembled jewels, butterflies, birds

trodden wilderness.

I fell off my horse. All night I stayed awake, my teeth chattering. We were 16,000 feet above the sea, it was below protection. Ice froze in my hair; therecame to my eyes, my lids froze together. ing we got on our horses and began to travel-toward 11 o'clock we saw a back, snakelike streak writhing over the table-

'What is 'that?' I asked. "'A mirage,' my husband hazarded. " 'No say,' said the Indian guide, shak-

"We decided to investigate the singular phenomenon. When we got to it we found we were on the shores of a strange river, wide and long, filled with a curious black substance. My husband examined it. 'It's peat,' he said. We later learned it had burst from a glacier high in the mountain three weeks before. Of course, the Indians did not know what it was. But we had made, inadvertently, an important geologic discovery."

The finding of the peat river has attracted great attention in scientific circles, for, in the opinion of geologists, it proves the formation of the Andes by volcanic action as no scientific research had ever brought up from sea level. That was possibly a million years ago.

remains of the perished civilizations. In Lake Titicaca basin she viewed the remains of what is perhaps the planet's oldest civilization. Years before the civilization pyramids were built, before Babylon proclaimed her splendors, there was built city, of which the fragmentary ruins remain. In those days, Mrs. Adams says, the lake, now miles distant from the ruins, must have extended to the city. The position has changed because of the geologic rising of the plateau. On their way back the party met two Germans, who had been shot through the arms by Indians with arrows. They were the survivors, they told Mrs. Adams, of a party of eleven, nine or whom had been killed in the torest country. Every time a white man starts a cocoa planta tion there, so Mrs. Adams was informed, there is trouble with the Indians. Three hours before they reached Pisac, while traveling a canyon, Mrs. Adams and her husband were themselves attacked by three Quichua Indians. One grabbed hold of Mrs. Adams' saddle, two seized Mr. Adams, who was on foot. Mr. Adams, however, managed to grasp an eight-inch

After this the party went to Arequipa. whence they ascended Mount Misti, the peak of which rose to the height of 6,800 feet above them. From the summit Mrs. Adams saw the city of Arequipa, which itself is 12,440 feet above the sea, below them. She viewed the vast ranges of the Cordilleras, and in the distance actually quently they had to torego their usual

struggle, and, slashing to and fro, stabbed

one of the Indians on the wrist. The

After circumnavigating the southern "Those critics remind me of the hotel band took a journey in a native canoe on the Matagrossa river, bound for east Bocashier who, after paying a lot of food livia, and in this country, covered with

"We entered rivers filled with purple hyacinths-one of the most lovely spectacles in the world. They grew so thickly that they blocked navigation. There were veritable lily islands. The waters were filled with snakes and swimming animals. In northern Paraguay we were compelled to stop for a night because the camelots, or water flowers, blocked our way; the paddies of the boat constantly cut hundreds of teeming snakes. At Corumba we took a little launch, in which we finally reached Puerto Suarez. It was a town sunk deep in the mud, with no hotel. Great palmettos reached from the HE married life of a genius is flooded waters, and among them we saw usually unhappy-so is that of his hundreds of white aigrettes. Thousands

> strictors, and who had secured from the world. On her journey back, while ashere in the wild country, Mrs. Adams took a

> photograph of a huge constrictor in a

Next year Mrs. Adams plans an even 'He is the husband of the wonderful more hazardous journey into the interior plorations in the practically unknown regions about the upper Napo river and the tributary sources of the Amazon.

company of jaguars, monstrous snakes was in sympathy with this desire. To- "I managed on all my trips to get along Up in the Andean highlands Mrs. blood, from the forefathers who fought white men had ever been. I shall always of one foot. I had simply to put my remember that awful descent. Our trail back against the rocks and hold on with led precipitately down a series of can- both hands. We turned to go back, but yons. It was irregular and of volcanic my own little horse behind me, because led Mrs. Adams to the conclusion that no Mrs. Adams, "I sailed for the continent the arctic, try for one pole or the other, by, as a baby grows, stones are placed on "One day we passed just at noon in formation. It writhed along the face of of the narrowness of the trail, was untowering mountains, and often lay along able to turn. We had to go on. The Mrs. Adams came to a region infested by ly gorgeous evening gowns, I took a full hinderment, never found a difficulty which over which we had to go on our way to the sea, and below me for thousands of "While making our descent a storm ribly, below my feet, in the depths of the vampires, which previously she had be- set of summer and winter clothes of the a woman as well as a man could not sur- the interior country, we stopped at a miles, hidden by masses of clouds, lay arose-a terrific hurricane of wind and canyon, I could hear the furious waters, lieved to be mythical, and spent a night latest fashlons, and all the fluffy-ruffly mount, never felt a fear of danger, never small village called Crucero. Here I the great Amazonian forest, one of the rain. Water gushed down the hollow swollen by the rain, hissing.

MRS. ADAMS AND THREE GENERATIONS OF LLAMAS.

rain increased, the lightning flashed ter-

The reason its patronage declined was

Before continuing their journey about the coast Mrs. Adams went over the old Inca highway and made a study of the

HISTORIC BRIDGES OVER THE EASTERN BRANCH

now well built and rather well you are in possession of the facts. in the direction of Anacostia. The present name of this thoroughfare is Minne- In 1790, when it was determined to es-

the Naylor road because it ran through Tarbert. the clothes, including a number of even- for a number of generations lived on the tional Intelligencer of March 15, 1802: ridge above the river.

graveled and otherwise improved, yet it bears those certain marks of ripe old age The most interesting of Mrs. Adams' which distinguish an old from a new trace is faint, but it is there. There is a not too tall and rankly grown.

ties and fringed with homes set in gar- branch and the Potomac, the farm land the citizens of this state; dens, was the course of the ancient River along the Washington side of the Eastbranch. Perhaps because of the speed boat was a big barge that could carry an

for and the subscriber dissolved partnership in the Eastern Branch Ferry Follow this old road to the weedy, and Public House connected therewith. (Signed) Basil Talbert."

the following notice, which was published said bridge.

Those piles are relics of the first bridge sale, cash. (Signed) William Brent."

piles are the remains of a bridge burned eral assembly by the petition of Notley be regulated by the legislature of this by the British invaders at the sack of Young, Daniel Carroll of Duddington, state or the United States; and, provided Book of the War of 1812: Pennsylvania avenue bridge over by the British invaders at the sack of Toung, Daniel Carlon of Duncan- also, that whenever at any time after Washington, August 24, 1814, but it would Thomas Law, William Mayne Duncan- also, that whenever at any time after the Eastern branch a broad road, be well to reject such a statement until son, George Walker and Matthew Wig- the expiration of said thirty years from sota avenue. The course of this avenue, tablish the capital of the young republic to the land of Matthew Wigfield; and pose three commissioners shall be apsmall as a doll's head, they preserve the now underlaid with water mains and in a federal territory ten miles square whereas the general assembly approve pointed by the legislature on the part of

> between the settlements and plantations yard was owned by the Widow Wheeler. "Be it enacted etc., That it shall and and repairing said bridge and received of southern Maryland and Philadelphia, She was the daughter of Abraham Young, may be lawful for the said Notley Young New York and New England. one of the early proprietors of land over (and others named) to open, or cause to to reimburse the said corporation the quarter of a mile. Crossing it in a north and south direction is another suburban Wheeler or Abraham Young, are living. and south direction is another suburban On the other side of the river was the rate not exceeding \$200 for each share. Corporation, then the said bridge and tolls shall immediately become the propstreet, the north end of which reaches big farm of Matthew Wigfield, much of * * * And to be published in the An- erty of the state." to the Eastern branch. When this street which land soon afterward became the napolis, Georgetown, Baltimore and Alexwas only a country road it was called Naylor farm. For years a ferry was op- andria newspapers and Maryland Herald, the Naylor road and extended from the the decision to make this vicinity the books."

given a new name or a number. It was ated by Capt. Henry Naylor and Basil stone, and shall not be less than twenty the Naylor road because it ran through Tafbert. transmit to the governor and council a called the Anacostia bridge, but was to the cold dews of night uncovered. They proper vouchers of the cost of said It was later acquired by William Ben- tions.' bridge and shall annually transmit to ning, a large landholder in that neighthe governor and council a yearly ac- borhood, and was ever after known as This ferry was also at one time known count on oath or affirmation of the tolls the Benning bridge.

some brandy, and then took cognizance vania Avenue bridge. Guides and some and extracts from this old act follow: said term of thirty years the said di- and ferries in this region, was the man 1820 began to languish for lack of pat- "Yes, said the othe of our hosts. One was a fairly thin, old inhabitants may tell you that those "Whereas, it is represented to the gen- rectors shall receive such tolls as shall who unearthed this report of Creighton's, ronage. A river boat, burning wood, of before his marriage?"

field, that they, together with others, are the completion of said bridge it shall from the lower end of Kentucky avenue by a law to be enacted for that pury tend to the benefit and convenience of aforesaid, who, or any four or more of them, shall examine their accounts and estimate what sum of money the said corporation have expended in building from tolls thereof, and the sum, if any, corporation, then the said bridge and

full and fair account supported by casually spoken of as the Upper bridge, had in this period drawn but two ra-

"That for and in consideration of their ried passengers and teams until the after- dawn the President and several of his in the National Intelligencer, July 16, great risk and the expenses to be incurnoon of August 14. 1814. The British cabinet ministers were there. While Winred by the said proprietors, not only for were entering, in fact, had entered, the der and the government were in council "We passed many precipitous trails. The worst was that which took us down slight elevation extending into the slugthe Agualiani canyon into the trails and the government were in council

"Agreeably to a deed of trust from Anbuilding the said bridge, but for keeping city, and Washington was in panic. Comthough the same in continual repair, the same in continual repair the same in continual r the Agualiani canyon into the tropical gish, often stagnant, water, and the soil South American wilderness. On this very of this elevation is different from that trail you descend from the very descend from the little agree of the Secretary of the Secretary of the Secretary of the Secretary of the Navy and fact to headquarters. They were followed to the directions of this act and all ders of the Secretary of the Navy and fact to headquarters. trail you descend from mountain-covered of the adjacent land. The little apron of Public Auction at Stell's Hotel in the its profits shall be and the same are here- the President, set fire to the navy yard lowed by an express from Stansbury givbeights more than 20,000 feet above the land, or promontory, swelling out toward City of Washington on Monday the 9th by vested in said corporation forever and directed that the Eastern branch ing positive information that the British large by day of August next, all that tract of subject to the provisions herein contains the provision herein contains the provision herein contains the provision herei sea into a hot, tropical wilderness—a the river is grown with sycamores, elms place by day of wondrous flowers and at and maples. The place is occupied by night infested with a pestilence of most small cattle yards and pens, and is now left above the fall 20,000 feet above the fall 20,000 f quitoes. After frightful experiences, in a slaughter house. Look out across the called 'Chichester with addition to being called force of Baltimoreans near the Bladenswhich I nearly lost my life, we came, river in an extension of the line of this veyed' containing three hundred acres. bridge shall be completed as aforesaid, the Lower bridge, and also come to be burg mill. Up to that moment the council. exhausted and undone, to a small placer road and some rotting piles will be vis- "On the above mentioned tract of land so as to entitle them to tolls, to demand sometimes spoken of as the Navy Yard cil believed that Ross would move on mine, where, to our delight, we found ible if the tide is low, and if the ribbon is the ferry landing, so well known by and receive such reasonable tax or toll bridge. Capt. Creighton's report of how Fort Washington, or on the city, by the said, "but to be the husband of one is possibly the largest specimen in the grass, wild celery and water dock are the name of Dyer's Ferry, now in the as they may from time to time agree on he set fire to and blew up with gunpow- very bridge (Eastern Branch bridge) near occupation of Capt. Naylor. Terms of and require, provided they shall not, at der the Washington end of the Eastern where they were in consultation. This any time demand or receive, more than Branch bridge may be read by those who delusive idea now vanished and gov- lady say: built across the Eastern branch. And Before the capital got here there was a the present rates of ferriage over the will look it up in the national archives, ernment, general and troops all moved before this bridge was built a ferry was demand for an Eastern branch bridge. Eastern branch, which rates of toll shall M. I. Weller, who, in promoting the off toward the point of danger." operated there. The rotting stumps pro- The Maryland assembly in 1795, passed at all times be made public and shall not building of the new Pennsylvania Avenue. After that memorable August day in was so hysterical after my experiences truding above the weeds and water at an "Act for erecting a bridge over the be altered or changed oftener than once bridge, sought out a great amount of '14 the Eastern Branch bridge was recontralto, Vivavoce, her companion anless the musoand of the wonderfar and any of South America. This will include exthat I wept. I ate the peaches and drank low tide may be seen from the Pennsyl- Eastern branch of the Potownack river," in each year; and at the expiration of historic information about old bridges paired and reopened to traffic, but after swered.

the British destroyed the bridge is not a sparks, passing the draw of this bridge

tract is from Lossing's Pictorial Field Lower bridge. The Eastern Branch bridge, that had been called the lower bridge, came then to be called the middle "Gen. Ross rested at Upper Marlboro bridge, and the Benning bridge continued until afternoon of the 23d, (August 23, to be the Upper bridge, desirous of forming a company for the seem expedient to the legislature of this 1814), when, being joined by Cockburn All three of these Eastern branch purpose of erecting a bridge over the state to make the said bridge and tolls and his seamen and marines, he moved bridges were toll bridges, but in 1844 an agitation was started in Maryland to have them made free bridges. The government had made the Great bridge over the Potomac a free bridge and there steadily on unmolested to the junction were other free bridges connecting Washington and Virginia. This was discrimthe Potomac river, not far above Fort legislature urged the Maryland represent-Washington. There they halted. The atives in Congress to press the matter, Americans were puzzled. Some believed bills were introduced and after the usual that an attack on Fort Washington in delays the toll bridges were bought and Mrs. Adams and her husband, spurring by the British fleet in front, was con- It carries one's mind a long way back templated; but more, and among them to go down to the river bank and look After crossing the Pennsylvania avenue which electric cars now run, electric be opened, books for receiving and enter- sums by them expended as aforesaid with Gen. Winder and Col. Monroe, believed at those time-worn old piles that poke bridge follow this road west for about a lights blaze, and on which so many peo- ing subscriptions for the said undertak- an interest of 15 per cent thereon per ansought to be won. Impressed with this water of the Eastern branch. How It Happened.

"'All those people treated me,' he explained, 'when I handed them their checks. 'Well, well!' said the proprietor, shocked. 'Is it possible that none of my 'Some of them are,' the cashier admitted, but their checks I sent to them

by mail.'

Genius and Marriage.

"To be the wife of a genius is bad," she Indians a skin twenty-two feet long, much worse. At a musical I heard a

ed shirt and Windsor tie?"

" Who is that man with the soft-bosom- tree.